

MINUTES
PRESTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 02. 10. 2023

Present: Chris Sutton, Ioan Jones, Rosie Jones, Susan Gulliford, Alan Stone and Anne Mingins .

Apologies: Julie Tomblin and Sue Cameron. Steve Lynass.

Minutes of last meeting: approved.

Matters arising from last meeting: Date fixed for decorator to start.

Finance: **IJ**

The current bank balance is £16.258. **IJ** has raised more complaints with SSE re the smart meter.

Maintenance: Damp: **AS** investigated the guttering above the ladies' loo again and applied more sealer to a different area. There was no apparent leak following recent very heavy rain. Success! He will monitor dampness (or lack of) in the wall behind the boiler. We will not have that wall repainted until we know it is dry.

Decorating: The start date is now Monday 6th November, and it is scheduled to take 2 weeks. Prior to that we need to clear out the walk-in cupboard in the kitchen. Work group for that will meet at 2pm on Friday 27th October.

Cleaning: Cancelled for end of October. **MV** will clean through after decorators.

Hall use and Events: The Managing Memory group has begun, and the organizer is happy with the accommodation. Other groups are as usual. **AM** has informed other users about the closure for redecoration and will ask any who have equipment in the cupboard to remove it for the weeks of closure.

The next **Coffee Morning** will be on Friday 13th October but the November date will be on the **First** Friday, 3rd November, due to the decorating starting on 6th.

The Quiz went off well. The numbers were down on previous years as seems common to many events post Covid. However, we made a profit of £108.

One outcome was that we need a microphone to connect to the speaker system. **IJ** will investigate this.

Because of the decorating happening in November, the **Wine Quiz** would have had to be moved a little too close to the Christmas 'do', so it has been postponed until February. It was also noticeable that there were none of the newer members of the community at the Quiz night. We need to consider carefully how to attract more people to the wine quiz.

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Christmas Party/Get together. Date fixed for Friday 22nd December, 6 to 8pm.

With more people in the village now having children, we need to ensure that they feel welcome and catered for.

Booking system: At the last meeting **AM** suggested that we charge a flat rate for rent, to include heating, throughout the year. We agreed to use this system from the beginning of the new financial year, i.e. 1st January 2024.

CS investigated the charges for halls around Cirencester which she circulated to the committee. This showed that our current charges plus heating were in line with similar halls.

The booking form will need to be amended.

Any other business. None

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th December at 5pm